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SUBJECT: DISESTABLISHMENT OF MAAG NETHERLANDS: REQUEST FOR
GUIDANCE

1. WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE "INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976" STAGE IS SET
FOR DISESTABLISHMENT OF MAAG IN THE NETHERLANDS.

2. BECAUSE WE NEED AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS
WITH DUTCH ORDERLY PHASING OUT OF MAAG, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE ASAP ON BASIS OF WHICH WE CAN PLAN CHANGE-OVER FROM
MAAG TO MILITARY LIAISON GROUP. GON IS INVOLVED BOTH BECAUSE
WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING MAAG UNDER TERMS OF AGREEMENT WITH
NETHERLANDS AND BECAUSE GON FUNDS MAAG OPERATION. WE DO NOT
ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS WITH DUTCH ABOUT CHANGES, BUT WE OWE
THEM MAXIMUM LEAD TIME IF NOT AS A MATTER OF LAW (ONE-YEAR
NOTIFICATION UNDER MAAG AGREEMENT) THEN AS A SIMPLE MATTER OF
COURTESY. IN ADDITION, THERE IS URGENT NEED TO BE ABLE TO
START DEFINITIVE PLANNING ON PERSONNEL SHIFTS NECESSITATED BY
CHANGES, AFFECTING BOTH LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND US MILITARY
OFFICERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY FACED WITH UNCERTAINTY
ABOUT LEASES, SCHOOLS, ETC. WE ALSO MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO DISPOSE OF MAAG PROPERTY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEFINITIVE WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS ON
DISESTABLISHMENT OF MAAG NETHERLANDS ARE BEING HELD UP IN PART
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BECAUSE OF REMAINING DIFFERENCES OF VIEW IN WASHINGTON ABOUT

WHICH OTHER MAAG'S IN EUROPE ARE TO BE CLOSED. SINCE THESE
ISSUES ARE EXTRANEIOUS TO LOCAL CONCERNS OUTLINED ABOVE, WE
STRONGLY HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ASAP INSTRUCTIONS
ENABLING EMBASSY AND MAAG TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH DUTCH
AND TO TAKE NECESSARY INTERNAL MEASURES TO EFFECT PLANNED
CHANGES.
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